

RE: PCB Cleanup at 100 California Street
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Carmen,
The commercial office building was built in 1960 and is occupied. The other items I will confirm and get back to you.

I do need some direction on the wipe sampling. In speaking with the lab the wipe samples are reported in µg/per wipe (micrograms /per wipe) and not ppm or ppb. The regulation states that the values need to be compared to ppm concentrations. What do you suggest? The lab told me that the SW-846 protocol calls for 10 square centimeters of surfaced wiped.

Also if by some miracle the wipe samples come up none detected would the building and contractor simply be able to use 761.62 and just call it a removal action?

We really appreciate your help with this project and look forward to a successful outcome.

Thank you

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Greetings, Basil:

This message is a follow up to the conference call that we had on June 17. We appreciate the conference call with all parties involved with the building at 100 California Street and apologize not been able to attend the meeting in person due to illness.

Regarding the outside of the building, an additional issue is soils. Are there any exposed soils within 3 feet from the building? If so, those soils should be tested for PCBs. I also wanted to address the issues of windows: window frames can be cleaned with an appropriate solvent such as mineral spirits and scrubbed with detergent/water mixture. Standard wipe test can be used to determine level of PCBs on window frames. Are the owners planning to keep the windows currently in place at the building or is the plan to replace them as part of the renovation?

I understood the building was constructed in 1970. Outside caulking contains PCBs. The caulking inside the building should be tested to determine if PCBs are also present. We would appreciate your confirmation as to whether the building is currently occupied.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning cleanup plans under 40 CFR 761.61(a) or 40 CFR 761.61(c). Thank you.

Sincerely,
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